Ganga-nagar, on what charge, I do not know. He has suffered mental and physical torture is Pakistan and now he is in the jail of Ganganagar. Will the hon. Minister intervene?

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: The same thing happened on the Gujarat border. Some detainees were released on the border. We do not know what happened to them.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: This is a suggestion for action—whether we would intervene in the matter. I would definitely look into the specific case. I do not have the information now. But I will write to the hon. Member.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, letters received by members of the families from the prisoners in Pakistan jails reveal that the conditions in Pakistan jails are very inhuman. What action has the Government taken in this regard to redress their grievances?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I would not like them to experience at any time the conditions in Pakistan jails. We want them to be released. We have been working in this direction.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, 942 persons are in Pakistant jails. That shows the total failure of our diplomacy. I would like to ask about the 43 missing defence personnel. Sir, time and again when you have been in the Chair, they promised us that they would look into the matter. Nothing has been done. I want to know if there is any Pakistan defence personnel in Indian jails and whether we are ready for exchange of the people...

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: There are no Pakistani defence personnel in our jails and it is not correct that there has been any failure of our diplomacy. On the contrary, our diplomacy has proved to be very successful in getting the people released...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour over. After the Question Hour is over, even the Minister cannot continue.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Computerisation in banks

*166. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether computerisation is being gradually introduced in different operations in banks;

(b) if so, whether a fear is being expressed by the employees of banks that they will be gradually replaced by computers and they will become unemployed;

(c) whether the whole matter has been examined; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to safeguard the interests of the bank employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Public Sector Banks have a programme of introduction of computers and machines in their offices and branches in a phased manner. The objective of computerisation in the Indian context, are to improve customer service and to speedily balance books and reconcile inter-branches accounts so as to prevent frauds. The programme of computerisation has been so designed as to ensure that there is no retrenchment of staff, and bank employees have been given a firm commitment in this regard. The fear expressed by some bank employees that they will become unemployed is totally misplaced.

Rise in wholesale price index

*167 SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wholesale price index has risen by 1.6 per cent during the first six weeks of the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details of the wholesale and consumer price indices for the year 1984-85 month-wise, for all the commodities;

(c) whether any effective steps have been taken to maintain price level; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Wholesale Price Index (1970-71-100) rose by 2.1 per cent during the first six weeks of the current financial year (upto 10th May, 1986) mainly due to seasonal pressure. In the corresponding period last year the index had recorded an increase of 1.9 per cent. The annual rate of inflation on 10th May, 1986 was 4.0 per cent compared with 8.2 per cent on 11th May, 1985.

(b) The requisite data relating to the Wholesale Price Index and Consumer Price Index for the year 1984-85, month-wise, are given below:—

	All Commodities Wholesale Price Index base: (1970-71 (-100)	All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (base: 1960-10)
	Average of weeks)	
	1984-85	
April	323·3	559
May	327·2	562
June	335·0	574
July	342·8	585
August	345·3	586
September	342·4	589
October	343·1	592
November	341·3	595
December	338·0	588
January	340·1	588
February	339·2	585
March	342·5	586

(c) and (d) The price situation is kept under surveillance and remedial action is taken as and when necessary in the light of emerging trends. The thrust of government's anti-inflationary policy continues to be on effective supply and demand management including strengthening of the Public Distribution System for essential commodities, supply of foodgrains to weakers sections under special schemes, enforcement of fiscal discipline and keeping the aggregate liquidity in the system under control.

Discharge of Directors of NTC

*168. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of ful-time Directors of NTC at national and State levels discharged prematurely during the last one year;

(b) whether any Director of NTC or its subsidiary was dismissed; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of General Managers have been discharged or dismissed by NTC or its subsidiaries; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether departmental inquiries have been initiated on complaints of mismanagement or corruption against any high officials of NTC; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The services of four Full-time Directors of subsidiaries were terminated, under the provisions of the terms of their appointment. No Directors were dismissed.

(c) One Chief Executive Officer was dismissed; the services of one Chief Executive Officer were terminated and one Chief Executive Officer, due to